GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CHANGE IN PASSPORT ISSUING PROCEDURE
VUKKALA RAJESWARAMMA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the procedure for issuing passports has been changed and checks have been provided after the attack on the American Information Centre In Kolkata; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) The improvement of the procedures relating to issue of passports is a continuous process. The employees of the Passport Offices have been asked to exercise greater care in scrutiny of the documents submitted in support of passport applications. The Government has strengthened the police verification to ensure that passports are not issued to undesirable elements.